Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 14. The currently pending claims after amendment are listed below.

1   1.   (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented method of automatically pricing tangible
2   merchandise during a remote point of purchase action at a computer-controlled merchandise
3   dispensing facility that permits such actions, said method comprising the steps of:
4   (a)   ~~prompting a purchaser with a~~ receiving at least one purchase option selection from a
5   purchaser for purchasing tangible merchandise at a first ~~merchandise~~ per-unit price during a
6   transaction at the facility;
7   (b)   ~~prompting the purchaser for~~ receiving an indication of any users associated with the
8   purchaser;
9   (c)   automatically calculating a second ~~merchandise~~ per-unit price based upon a quantity
10   of said any users indicated in step (b), said automatically calculating step being performed by a
11   computer controlling said computer-controlled merchandise dispensing facility; and
12   (d)   responsive to step (c), permitting the purchaser to purchase merchandise at the second
13   ~~merchandise~~ per-unit price from said computer-controlled merchandise dispensing facility.

1   2.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein step (a) requires the purchaser to enter
2   information with a data storage device.

1   3.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein steps (a) and (b) require the purchaser and each
2   of said any users to enter information with a data storage device.

1   4.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) comprises reducing the second
2   merchandise price from the first merchandise price when at least one user is associated with the
3   purchaser.

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1   5.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) comprises inversely relating the second

2   merchandise price to the quantity of said any users.

1   6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of verifying each of the

2   purchaser and said any users with a personal identification code.

1   7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of auditing the facility to

2   confirm that the second merchandise price is an appropriate price.

1   8.   (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of automatically pricing fuel

2   during a remote point of purchase action at a refueling facility, said method comprising the steps

3   of:

4   (a) ~~prompting a purchaser with purchase options~~ receiving a purchase option selection

5   from a purchaser, said selection including a first fuel price, during a transaction at the refueling

6   facility, said purchase option selection being received at a terminal of a computer-controlled fuel

7   dispensing device of said refueling facility;

8   (b) ~~prompting the purchaser for~~ receiving an indication of any passengers ~~commuting~~

9   ~~with~~ accompanying the purchaser in a vehicle;

10   (c) automatically calculating a second fuel price based upon a quantity of said any

11   passengers indicated in step (b), wherein the second fuel price is lower than the first fuel price

12   when there is at least one passenger ~~commuting with~~ accompanying the purchaser, said

13   automatically calculating step being performed by a computer controlling said computer-

14   controlled fuel dispensing device; and

15   (d) responsive to step (c), permitting the purchaser to purchase fuel at the second fuel

16   price from said computer-controlled fuel dispensing device.

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1   9.   (Original)   The method of claim 8 wherein step (a) requires the purchaser to enter

2   information with a data storage device.

1   10.   (Original)   The method of claim 8 wherein steps (a) and (b) require the purchaser and each

2   of said any passengers to enter information with a data storage device.

1   11.   (Original)   The method of claim 8 wherein step (c) comprises inversely relating the second

2   fuel price to the quantity of said any passengers.

1   12.   (Original)   The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of verifying each of the

2   purchaser and said any passengers with a personal identification code.

1   13.   (Original)   The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of auditing the refueling

2   facility to confirm that the second fuel price is an appropriate price.

1   14.   (Currently Amended)   A <u>computer implemented</u> method of automatically pricing fuel

2   during a remote point of purchase action at a refueling facility, said method comprising the steps

3   of:

4   (a)   ~~prompting a purchaser to enter~~ <u>receiving</u> information at a terminal <u>of a computer-</u>

5   <u>controlled fuel dispensing device</u> at the refueling facility ~~with~~ <u>from</u> a personal data storage device

6   issued to ~~the~~ <u>a</u> purchaser;

7   (b)   ~~allowing~~ <u>receiving a purchase option selection from</u> the purchaser ~~to select purchase~~

8   ~~options~~, <u>said selection</u> including a first fuel price<u>, said selection being received at said terminal</u>;

9   (c)   ~~prompting the purchaser and~~ <u>receiving information with respect to</u> any passengers

10   ~~commuting with~~ <u>accompanying</u> the purchaser in a vehicle ~~to enter information~~ at the terminal

11   ~~with~~ <u>from</u> a <u>respective</u> personal data storage device issued to each of the passengers;

12   (d)   <u>automatically</u> calculating a second fuel price based upon a quantity of total passengers

13   ~~commuting together in the vehicle~~ <u>indicated by step (c)</u>, wherein the second fuel price is lower

14   than the first fuel price when there is at least one passenger ~~commuting with~~ <u>accompanying</u> the

15   purchaser<u>, said automatically calculating step being performed by a computer controlling said</u>

16   <u>computer-controlled fuel dispensing device</u>; and

17   (e)   <u>responsive to step (d),</u> permitting the purchaser to purchase fuel at the second fuel

18   price <u>from said computer-controlled fuel dispensing device</u>.

1   15.   (Original)   The method of claim 14 wherein step (d) comprises inversely relating the

2   second fuel price to the quantity of total passengers.

1   16.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of verifying each of the

2   purchaser and said any passengers with a personal identification code.

1   17.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of auditing the refueling

2   facility to confirm that the second fuel price is an appropriate price.

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